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SUBJ: SUGGESTED STATEMENT ON U.S. REACTION TO ANNOUNCED
"REORGANIZATION" OF TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION

REF: NICOSIA 0610

1. WITHIN NEXT FEW HOURS WE WILL NEED STATEMENT FOR USE WITH PRESS IN DEPARTMENT AND HERE ON U.S. REACTION TO TURKISH ANNOUNCEMENT OF "REORGANIZATION" OF TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTONOMOUS ADMINISTRATION, NOW BEING TERMED "THE FEDERAL TURKISH CYPRIOT STATE" BY PRIMIN IRMAK AMONG OTHERS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE NOT BE PREEMPTED BY USSR. FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES HAS ASKED ME TO SEE HIM AT 10:00 A.M. LOCAL (0800 GMT) TOMORROW, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, TO OBTAIN USG REACTION. WE SUGGEST FOR DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION SOMETHING ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:
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BEGIN QUOTE (A) U.S. POSITION ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM IS A MATTER OF RECORD. WE SUPPORT THE RELEVANT UN RESOLUTIONS. WE SUPPORT THE SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE ISLAND. WE WOULD NOT FAVOR MOVES WHICH MIGHT CARRY CYPRUS IN ANY CONTRARY DIRECTION. ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS IS THE PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS AND MR. DENKTASH THE VICE PRESIDENT AND LEADER OF THE TURKISH COMMUNITY. WE WOULD HOPE FOR A FRUITFUL CONTINUATION OF THE PRESENT NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES, UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, IN WHICH WE UNDERSTAND POSITION PAPERS ON THE BASIC ISSUES RELATING TO A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT ARE BEING TABLED BY BOTH SIDES AS A BASIS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSIONS. END QUOTE.

FYI: IN PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING TURKISH ANNOUNCEMENT, DENKTASH STATED THAT HIS POSITION PAPER WOULD BE SENT TO CLERIDES TOMORROW. END FYI.

(B) ON RECOGNITION OF AN INDEPENDENT TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION, IF ASKED: BEGIN QUOTE: GIVEN THE FOREGOING U.S. POSITION, THIS QUESTION DOES NOT ARISE. END QUOTE.

2. WE REALIZE THIS WILL BE DIFFICULT, BUT WOULD HOPE U.S. STATEMENT COULD BE LIMITED TO FOREGOING. IF PRESSED, WE MIGHT ADD ONLY THAT FURTHER IMPLICATIONS OF TURKISH CYPRIOT ANNOUNCEMENT ARE BEING STUDIED.

3. DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS THIS MESSAGE AND REFTEL TO SECRETARY'S PARTY.

4. RE CRAWFORD-EAGLETON TELECON, EVEN IF FOREGOING NOT STRICTLY IN ACCORD WITH STATEMENT BY DEPARTMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN, MAY I USE IT WITH CHRISTOPHIDES TOMORROW? REPLY FOR OPENING OF BUSINESS FEBRUARY 14.
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